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| In re application of: Neal et al. | Attorney Docket No.: DEM1P009 |
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### AMENDMENT A

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

### In the Specification:

At page 1, starting at line 11, please delete the following paragraph:

This application relates to co-pending and concurrently filed application.No. _____ (Attorney Docket No. DT.0106) filed November 30, 2001, entitled "Selective Merchandise Price Optimization Mechanism", by Michael Neal, Krishna Venkatraman, Rob Parkin, Suzanne Valentine, Phil Delurgio, Hau Lee, and John Close, which is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

Also at page 1, starting at line 11, please substitute the following paragraph for the deleted paragraph:

This application relates to co-pending and concurrently filed application No. 09/999,078 (Attorney Docket No. DT.0106) filed